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LETTER DATED 14 JUNE 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I would like to draw your attention to the serious incident that occurred several days ago, within the "blue zone", i.e. between the lines of separation drawn in accordance with the Zagreb Agreement of 29 March 1994 (S/1994/367, annex), in the village of Kakma, in the county of Biograd.

The importance of Kakma lies in the fact that it is the location of a water well and the pumping station that supplies over 150,000 people in the region of Zadar and Biograd with water. Since the beginning of Serbian aggression against the Republic of Croatia, that location has been under occupation. Furthermore, the Croatian Army units have been redeployed from their forward positions in the vicinity of Kakma, in accordance with the Zagreb Agreement, creating one side of the line of separation, and leaving the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) entirely in control.

However, the 300-millimetre water-pipe in Kakma that is supposed to supply Biograd was destroyed by an explosive device. UNPROFOR spokesman for Sector South, when condemning the incident, has stated that it was "a deliberate action", and that the investigation is ongoing. Until such a time that the supply of water is reinstated, the inhabitants of Biograd and its surroundings, including several islands, live practically without any water. The water reaches them only two times a week, for 60 minutes at a time.

I would like to emphasize that the Serbian paramilitary units in that region should have been withdrawn long ago, but UNPROFOR still tolerates their presence. Until the Zagreb Agreement is fully implemented, the tensions on the ground will not be defused, and can result in such terrorist acts of Serbian occupation forces.

I would like to ask for your kind assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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